



Minutes of the meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held remotely, in line with Government guidance and legislation, using the Zoom application, on Thursday 18th February 2021 at 7 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Baalham, Colbourne, Davidson, Fay, Ferguson, Kadlec, Lungley, Passmore (Chair), Ramsay,

Also Present: TDC Cllr Fairley

Clerk: Lin Keating, Clerk

Absent: None

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllr Bird
2. **Declaration of Interest: Councillors are invited to declare any disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other interest and nature of it, in relation to any item on the agenda.** None.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the RPPC held on 14th January 2021,** as previously circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Davidson proposed and Cllr Ramsay seconded a motion that the minutes be signed as a true record with the motion carried. The Chairman is to sign the minutes retrospectively as a true record at the earliest opportunity of a meeting held in person.
4. **To acknowledge receipt of reports and to address any queries raised as circulated prior to this meeting:**
 - a) Parkeston parking issues restricting access for refuse collection vehicles – raised by Cllr Kadlec was discussed with reports of what is believed to be illegal parking on the junctions, that also blocks wheelchair and pushchair access in crossing safely, will be taken forward to ECC Highways. Veolia are contracted to collect refuse by TDC from all streets and any left will be reported. Close monitoring to continue.

Action: Cllrs Kadlec/Davidson
 - b) Salt Bins: following the recent bad spell all the salt in the community has been cleared. A request for the purchase of additional bins for both wards and a tonne of salt for stock was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Passmore with all in favour.
 - c) Parkeston Post: a complaint regarding the amount of dog poo on the pavements was received by Cllr Kadlec from the local postman; the issue is to be addressed with TDC dog wardens.

Action: Cllr Davidson
 - d) TDC Cllr Fairley reported:
 - The DC budget was approved at the Full Council
 - Speed restrictions Ramsey: funding is available via ECC Special Constable funding initiative: Cllr Lungley offered to collate the information to present at the next meeting of the RPPC on 18th March.

Action: Cllr Lungley
 - e) Mental Health First Aid training: Cllr Ferguson reported on her attendance to the remote training that she could valuable. Cllr Passmore is to explore the availability of further courses for those interested.

Action: Cllr Passmore

5. **Planning Updates:**

- a) **Applications received:**
 - Application No: 21/00007/FUL
Proposal: erection of an agricultural grain store
Location: Poplar Hall Primrose Lane Ramsey
The view of the RPPC is No Objection
 - Application No: 21/00083/FUL
Proposal: proposed conversion and extension of agricultural storage building into a four bed dwelling (in lieu of Prior Approval for a dwelling subject of application 19/01/01865/COUNOT)
Location: Craig End Farm The Maltings Ramsey
The view of the RPPC is No Objection
 - Application No: 21/00008/HHPNOT
Proposal: proposed single storey rear extension 3.295m deep and 3.188m high
Location: 32 Foster Road Parkeston
The view of the RPPC is No Objection
- b) **Applications considered by the Planning Sub Committees since the last meeting:**
 - Application No: 20/01798/FUL
Proposal: Proposed construction of thirty houses and associated parking, access and landscaping. This application seeks to modify the existing planning consent (19/00406/DETAIL) in terms of layout to comply with Essex Highways Technical Standards.
Location: Land rear of Una Road Parkeston
The view of the RPPC submitted is to strongly object and to re-iterate comments previously submitted in relation to this site with concerns of feeder roads not being able to support the development.



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c) Decisions received:

- Application No: 20/01199/FUL
Proposal: proposed change of use from butchers shop to residential 2no. bedroom dwelling including ground floor extensions to rear
Location: 51 Garland Road Parkeston
Delegated Decision – Refusal Full 12.02.2021
- Application No: 20/01405/FUL
Proposal: Proposed 1.5 storey eco friendly dwelling with garage, access and residential curtilage
Location: Land between Connemara and Netherfield Michaelstowe Drive Ramsey
Delegated Decision – Refusal Full 18.01.2021
- Application No: 20/01775/FUL
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of approved application 20/00134/FUL to revise garage and ground floor home office to plot 12.
Location: Michaelstowe Farm Michaelstowe Lane Ramsey
Delegated Decision – Approval Full 05.02.2021
- Appeal Ref: APP/P1560/W/20/3253985
Application Ref: 19/01538/OUT dated 04 October 2019, refused by notice dated 10 December 2019 – the development proposed is described as *development of site with four dwellings*
Land to East of Stagecoach Stud Wix Road Ramsey
Appeal dismissed – decision date 04 February 2021
Main issues published within the appeal decision are:
 - *the effect of the proposal on the character and appearance of the appeal site and surrounding area;*
 - *the effect of the proposal with regard to flood risk; and*
 - *whether the proposal makes adequate provision towards the mitigation of likely significant effects on a protected European site and towards off-site play facilities within Ramsey.*

6. Chairman's report:

Due to current Government guidelines restrictions at the Ramsey War Memorial Hall and those at the Parkeston Community Centre dictates that future meetings will continue to be held virtually using ZOOM and will be continued to be monitored on a monthly basis.

a) Ramsey streetlight replacement programme update: The benefits of the upgrade from the sodium lamps to LED are :

- longer lasting (30 + years)
- 10 year manufacturers warranty on the LED panel and the Driver
- lower Wattage reduced power consumption, lower Carbon footprint

Working with the contractor has resulted in 12 lamps having been upgraded to LED , 8 planned with an additional 3 replaced due to defects reported within 2020-21 budget year. The remaining 8 lamps yet to be upgraded are ordered to be completed April 2021 at the start of the new precept year. The completion of the upgrade programme of all 33 lamps rolling over 2019 – 2021 circa £14,016 will allow further major projects to be considered in future budgets. Feedback from residents of Ramsey have all been positive in the change of the light from the LED lanterns with a projected saving in call out charges for maintenance in the coming years.

b) Payment of Precept 2021-22 from Tendring District Council: confirmation has been received of the precept request of £72,418 will be paid over 2 installments, 08 April and 07 October 2021. An email received from Debbie West, TDC Finance Assistant dated 21 January 2021, after the precept setting deadline of 15th January 2021, stated that although there was no Local Tax Support (LCTS) grant due to be paid to Town and Parish Councils in 2021/22 as Tendring District Council were not expecting any Revenue Support Grant (RSG) from the government, confirmation has been received of a grant now to be received. This in turn will be reflected in receipt of a LCTS grant of £1071, equivalent to the amount received last year with a 0.5% uplift.



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7. To agree accounts for payment as approved by the Chair/Vice Chair as previously circulated:

Cllr Ramsay proposed the approval of accounts for payment as previously circulated, seconded by Cllr Davidson with all in favour.

The Clerk reported that due to the local postal services restricted it may become apparent that additional invoices could be received prior to the next scheduled meeting of the RPPC; should this be the case a request for authorisation to make any additional payments will be made by email at such time.

- The Clerk reported that the Chapel Lodge rent continues to be received in line with the contract with the tenants.
- The Clerk reported that a VAT claim for the period 01 April 2021 to 28 February 2021 has been submitted for the amount of £6,685.37 on 14 February 2021.
- The Clerk reported the quarterly physical checks of accounts have been halted with Q1 only completed, it is planned to re-instate these checks at the earliest opportunity of a meeting with a person is acceptable under current COVID guidelines.
- Councillors Allowances are payable in March with individuals to take responsibility in ensuring their claim is received. The Clerk is to send an email with directions to take due to the inability of the normal process of gaining signed claims at a face to face meeting.

Action: Clerk

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are to sign the accounts retrospectively as a true record at the earliest opportunity of a meeting held in person.

18.02.21	L Keating	Net Pay February			824.16	115,349.13
	HMRC	Clerks tax/NI			214.20	115,134.93
	HMRC	Employers NI			46.64	115,088.29
	L Keating	February Expenses			40.34	115,047.95
	Accent Stationers	Stationery			290.46	114,757.49
	A&J Lighting	Contract			59.40	114,698.09
	A&J Lighting	Project			5,249.82	109,448.27
	A&J Lighting	Project			609.60	108,838.67
	Affinity Water	Supply			209.84	108,628.83
	Marvan's Landscaping	Supply			360.00	108,268.83
	E-on	Supply			194.17	108,074.66
	Autoprint	Printing Service			91.20	107,983.46
	Salt Merchant Supplies	Supply			1,225.99	106,757.47
	Cemetery Lodge Rent			560.00		107,317.47
	HMRC VAT Refund		6,685.37			114,002.84

8. To confirm the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkston Parish Council is to be held under current guidance:

Restrictions during the COVID pandemic dictate the possibility of holding face to face meetings, therefore a change of venue may not be avoidable:

18 th March 2021	Remote
15 th April 2021	Remote

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30p.m.